

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 24-28, 32, and 34-45 as follows. Please add new claim 47 as follows.

1-23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system comprising:

a telecommunication network;[,]

a first station;[,] and

a plurality of second stations;[,]

wherein the first station is configured being arranged to request a connection with at least one of said plurality of second stations, said connection request comprising a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one second station,

wherein the telecommunication network ~~is provided with~~ comprises at least one store ~~for storing~~ configured to store location information for at least some of said second stations and a selection unit configured to select means which selects at least one of the second stations for connection in dependence on the location information stored in the store, and

wherein the telecommunications system ~~connects~~ is further configured to connect the first station to the at least one second station selected by the selection unit means.

25. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the at least one store is ~~provided for storing~~ further configured to store location information for at least some of said second stations ~~and/or~~ said first station.

26. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein further comprising at least one processor ~~is provided for providing~~ configured to provide location information for at least some of said second stations ~~and/or~~ said first station.

27. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first station is arranged configured to attempt to initiate a connection with any second station satisfying the location criteria.

28. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first station is arranged configured to initiate a connection with a second station satisfying the location criteria and falling in a predetermined group of second stations.

29. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein a predefined location criteria is associated with the predetermined group.

30. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the predetermined group has a predetermined identifier associated therewith.

31. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the predetermined group is defined by the user of the first station.

32. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 24, ~~wherein means are further comprising a determination unit provided for determining~~ configured to determine which stations satisfy the location criteria.

33. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 32, wherein information as to which second stations satisfy the location criteria is sent to the first station.

34. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 33, wherein the first station comprises ~~means for selecting~~ a selection unit configured to select said at least one of said second stations based on said information.

35. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 32, wherein the determination unit ~~determining means~~ is arranged configured to define an order in which connections to second stations satisfying the location criteria are to be attempted.

36. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 32, wherein the determination unit ~~determining means~~ is arranged configured to attempt connections to second stations satisfying the location criteria randomly.

37. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one of said second stations is ~~arranged~~ configured to be able to prevent a connection with the first station if the first station has made a connection request based on the location of the at least one second station.

38. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one of said second stations is ~~arranged~~ configured to permit a connection only with predefined first stations if the first station has made a connection request based on the location of said at least one second station.

39. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 24, ~~the arrangement being such that~~ wherein a second station satisfying the location criteria receives a message indicating that a first station wishes to make contact therewith.

40. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 39, wherein the second station receiving said message is ~~arranged~~ configured to indicate if the call is to be accepted.

41. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said connection request ~~also~~ comprises information identifying at least one second station and a call is made between said first station and the identified at least one second station only if the location criteria is satisfied.

42. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 41, wherein if the second station does not satisfy the location criteria at the time the connection request is made, the system is arranged configured to make the call at a subsequent time when the second station satisfies the location criteria.

43. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first station and/or at least one of said second stations is a mobile terminal.

44. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said first station and/or at least one of said second stations is a fixed terminal.

45. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a telecommunications system comprising a telecommunication network, a first station and a plurality of second stations, the method comprising:

defining at the first station a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one second station;

requesting a connection with at least one second station satisfying said criteria;

determining at the telecommunication network which of said second stations satisfy said criteria; and

establishing a connection between said first station and said at least one second station satisfying said location criteria;

~~wherein the telecommunications network selects selecting, at the telecommunication network,~~ at least one of said second stations satisfying said criteria in dependence on stored location information;[[,]]and

~~the telecommunications system connects connecting~~ the first station to the at least one second station selected by the telecommunication network.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (New) A telecommunications system comprising:

- a telecommunication network;
- a first station;
- a plurality of second stations;
- defining means for defining at the first station a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one second station;
- requesting means for requesting a connection with at least one second station satisfying said criteria;

determining means for determining at the telecommunication network which of said second stations satisfy said criteria; and

establishing means for establishing a connection between said first station and said at least one second station satisfying said location criteria;

selecting means for selecting, at the telecommunication network, at least one of said second stations satisfying said criteria in dependence on stored location information; and

connecting means for connecting the first station to the at least one second station selected by the telecommunication network.